Funds Allocation for unorganised sector

†372. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the previous Government had formulated a 'Social Security Scheme' for the labourers belonging to the unorganised sector;

(b) if so, whether that scheme has been abandoned; and

(c) if not, the amount earmarked for this scheme this year and the amount spent, so far?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government launched the Unorganised Sector Workers' Social Security Scheme, 2004 in January, 2004.

(b) and (c) Since the scheme was not found viable due to various reasons like lack of statutory backing etc., the scheme is being re-worked in consultation with concerned Ministries/Departments and State Governments.

Recommendations of National Commission for Women

373. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

SHRI R.K. ANAND:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tradition of seedi pratha which implies bonded labour is prevalent in the State of Haryana;

(b) if so, the districts where this tradition is prevalent;

(c) whether the National Commission for Women has highlighted the problem and made any recommendations to Government in this behalf; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction to the recommendations of the National Commission for Women?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) As per the information received from the Government of Haryana tradition of seedi pratha involving bonded labour does not exist in any district of the state of Haryana.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Government have not received any report relating to the study conducted by National Commission for Women (NCW) in the bonded prevalent areas in the state of Haryana.

(d) Does not arise.

National Child Labour Project

374. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme of the National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) is a Centrally aided scheme through which child labour gets benefits of education and rehabilitation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of proposals received from various State Governments with particular reference to Maharashtra, are pending for consideration of Government;

(d) the present status thereof;

(e) whether Government have approved the continuation of this scheme of NCLPs in the existing districts and expansion to other child labour endemic districts in the Tenth Plan; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme is a Central Scheme which envisages a sequential action-oriented approach for the abolition of child labour starting with children working in the most hazardous occupations to covering all form of child labour. The NCLP Scheme has been extended to cover 250 districts across 21 States of the country. Under the Scheme, special schools are opened for the working children withdrawn from hazardous occupations with the objective of preparing them to join the formal education system. Educational instructions, vocational trainng, mid-day-meal, stiphend and health-checks are essential components of the NCLP Scheme.